

their several offices, during the periods for which they were appointed or until they shall be superseded by appointments made in conformity to this constitution : And all laws now in force shall continue to operate, so far as they are compatible with this constitution, until repealed ; and it shall be the duty of the general assembly to pass all necessary laws and regulations for carrying this constitution into full effect.

§ 15. No part of this constitution shall be altered, unless a bill for that purpose, specifying the alterations intended to be made, shall have been read three times in the house of representatives, and three times in the senate, on three several days in each house, and agreed to by two-thirds of each house respectively ; and when any such bill shall be passed in manner aforesaid, the same shall be published at least six months previous to the next ensuing annual election for members of the general assembly ; and if such alterations, or any of them, so proposed, shall be agreed to in their first session thereafter, by two-thirds of each branch of the general assembly, after the same shall have been read three times, on three separate days, in each respective house, then, and not otherwise, the same shall become a part of this constitution.

We, the underwritten delegates of the people of the state of Georgia, chosen and authorized by them to revise, alter, or amend the powers and principles of their government, do declare, ordain, and ratify the several articles and sections contained in the six pages hereunto prefixed, as the constitution of this state ; and the same shall be in operation from the date hereof.

In testimony, whereof, we, and each of us, respectively, have hereunto set our hands, at Louisville, the seat of government, this thirteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, and in the twenty-second year of the independence of the United States of America ; and have caused the great seal of the state to be affixed thereto.

Article 4th, section 11th, and the first line, the following words being interlined, to wit—" after the first day of October next."

JARED IRWIN, *President.*

Joseph Clay, jun.
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John Pray,
Benjamin Davis,
John Morrison,
John Milton,
James Bird,
Andrew E. Wells,
Charles M'Call, jun.
James Seagrove,
Thomas Stafford
James Jackson,
James Jones,
George Jones,
James Simms,

G. W. Foster,
Jonas Fauche,
James Nisbett,
Chas. Abercrombee,
Thomas Lamar,
Matt. Rabun,
Peter J. Carnes,
William Fleming,
R. D. Gray,
George Wilson,
James Pittman,
Joseph Humphries,
James Cochran,
James Powell,
James Dunwody,